



CHAPTER
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AMERICA CLAIMS AN EMPIRE



This lithograph of Roosevelt leading the Rough Riders at San Juan Hill shows the men on horseback, although they actually fought on foot.



1893 Business groups, aided by U.S. marines, overthrow Hawaii's Queen Liliuokalani.

1898 U.S.S. *Maine* explodes and sinks. The Spanish-American War begins.

1901 Theodore Roosevelt becomes president after McKinley is assassinated.

USA
WORLD

1890

1900

1895 Guglielmo Marconi develops the technology that led to modern radio.

1898 Marie Curie discovers radium.



1900 In China, the Boxers rebel.

1903 Panama declares its independence from Colombia.



INTERACT

WITH HISTORY

In the late 1890s, American newspapers are running sensational stories about Spain's harsh rule of Cuba. Such articles anger Americans. Among those willing to fight for Cuba's freedom are a group of volunteers, the Rough Riders. Led by future president Theodore Roosevelt, the Rough Riders become a model for others to follow.

Does the U.S. have a duty to fight for freedom in neighboring countries?

Examine the Issues

- When should the U.S. intervene in the affairs of another country?
- In what ways do dramatic headlines influence American opinion?



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1908 William Howard Taft is elected president.

1912 Woodrow Wilson is elected president.



1914 The Panama Canal opens.

1917 Puerto Ricans become U.S. citizens.

1917 The United States enters World War I.

1910

1910 The Mexican Revolution begins.

1914 World War I begins in Europe.

1920

1917 Mexico revises and adopts its constitution.

